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LOK SABHA

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IRRIGATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is contemplating to chalk out new irrigation projects in order to enhance irrigation facilities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of proposals received, approved and pending, State-wise;

(c) the number of ongoing irrigation projects at present in the country, State-wise;

(d) the details of land in terms of acre being irrigated thereunder every year, State-wise; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The projects/schemes for creation of irrigation potential are planned and implemented by the respective State Governments. However, Ministry of Water Resources encourages creation of irrigation potential. The XI Plan envisage creation of 16 million hectares of irrigation potential through major & medium irritation projects and minor irrigation schemes including the extension, renovation and modernisation projects and Repair, renovation and Restoration of water bodies.

(b) During the XI Plan 37 no. of schemes submitted by States have been cleared by Technical Advisory Committee. At present 68 schemes are at different stages of appraisal by various agencies. State wise details are at Annexure-I.

(c) The State wise details of ongoing schemes are at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e)As per the `land use statistics` compiled by Ministry of Agriculture, net irrigated area in 2006 was about 60.2 million hectare. State wise details are at Annexure-III.